

than the GSA BPA holders. The request may include additional supporting rationale to document the best value decision, as appropriate.

339.7002 Notice of intended award.

The CAO, or designee, in conjunction with the HHS CIO, will review the Contracting Officer's request for approval to make an award to other than a GSA BPA holder for independent risk analysis services and either approve or disapprove the request in writing. If the CAO, or designee, approves the request, upon approval, the CAO, or designee, shall send a notice of intended award to the designated GSA BPA Contracting Officer, with a copy to OMB's E-Government and Information Technology Administrator, at least 10 business days prior to the date of the proposed award explaining how it provides the best value to the Government. In the event of unusual and compelling urgency, the CAO, or designee, shall provide the notice of intended award to GSA as soon as practicable.

Subpart 339.71—Information Security Management

339.7100 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following definitions shall apply:

Adequate security means, in accordance with OMB Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources, Appendix 3 (Security of Federal Automated Information Resources), security commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm resulting from the loss, misuse, or unauthorized access to or modification of information.

Federal information means, in accordance with OMB Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources, Appendix 3 (Security of Federal Automated Information Resources), information created, collected, processed, disseminated, or disposed of by or for the Federal Government.

Federal information system means an information system used or operated by an executive agency, by a contractor of an executive agency, or by another organization on behalf of an executive agency.

Information means, in accordance with OMB Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources, Appendix 3 (Security of Federal Automated Information Resources), any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts, data, or opinions in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual forms.

Information infrastructure means the underlying framework that information systems and assets rely on in processing, transmitting, receiving, or storing information electronically.

Information security means protecting information and information systems from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification or destruction in order to provide—

(1) *Integrity*, which means guarding against improper information modification or destruction, and includes ensuring information non-repudiation and authenticity;

(2) *Confidentiality*, which means preserving authorized restrictions on access and disclosure, including means of protecting personal privacy and proprietary information;

(3) *Availability*, which means ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information; and

(4) *Privacy*, which means regulating the appropriate collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of personal information by Federal executive branch agencies. It essentially prohibits disclosure without consent.

Information system means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, transmission, and dissemination of information, in accordance with defined procedures, whether automated or manual.

Information technology includes computers, ancillary equipment (including imaging peripherals, input, output, and storage devices necessary for security and surveillance), peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services) and related resources.